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This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53, of pending prior application Serial Number 09/918,364; filed on July 30, 2001 entitled "Non-Oxidizing Spacer Densification Method For Manufacturing Semiconductor Devices".

- Enclosed is a copy of the latest inventor-signed prior application, including a copy of the oath or declaration showing the original signature or an indication it was signed. I hereby verify that the papers are a true copy of the latest signed prior application serial number 09/918,364, and further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27  
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☐ was filed in prior application number \_\_\_\_\_ and such status is still proper and desired (37 CFR 1.28(a))
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficient fees which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-1205/ZILO:002C1.
- ☒ The inventor(s) of the invention being claimed in this application is/are:  
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- ☐ This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.60(b), the Commissioner is requested to delete the name(s) of the following person or persons who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application:
- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

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